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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1983

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid coverage of professional services of optometrists that are otherwise covered when furnished by a physician.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Optometric Equity in
5 Medicaid Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF PROFES-**
2 **SIONAL SERVICES OF OPTOMETRISTS THAT**
3 **ARE OTHERWISE COVERED WHEN FUR-**
4 **NISHED BY A PHYSICIAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(5) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(5)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” before “(B)”; and

8 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
9 the following: “, and (C) medical and surgical serv-
10 ices furnished by an optometrist (described in sec-
11 tion 1861(r)(4)) to the extent such services may be
12 performed under State law either by a doctor of
13 medicine or by a doctor of optometry and would be
14 described in clause (A) if furnished by a physician
15 (as defined in section 1861(r)(1))”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act.

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